

DEPARTMENTAL WORKERS

Interesting Gossip Gleaned Among Employees of Government Bureaus.

HOW FREEMASONRY SAVED TWO LIVES

Stirring Adventures of Mr. John G. Burchfield During the Civil War—Some North Carolina Politics—Narrow Escapes of Indian Territory Marshal.

Mr. John G. Burchfield, watchman at the General Land Office, has been a close observer of things all his life and has seen many events of a stirring nature. He is an expert watchman and has been well trained for any sort of duty involving vigilance and bravery. He was one of the youngest soldiers in the Union Army and had a full four years' term of active service in the civil war. He is an interesting conversationalist.

Mr. Burchfield was born in Elizabethton, Tenn. In 1861 he went with his father to Charleston to sell a drove of hogs and was at the old Charleston Hotel when the firing on Fort Sumter was commenced. The Tennessee boy joined the excited throngs and saw the momentous events of the day as they occurred. As a boy he was impressed with the portent of the storm. Next day he started to Tennessee, and when he reached home the volunteers were gathering, some for the Union side, some for the Confederate. His people were generally Union in sentiment, and the boy was soon out to do man's deadliest work.

Col. Dan Stover organized a corps of young men for scout duty, and young Burchfield joined. Colonel Stover was a son-in-law of Governor (afterward President) Johnson. The men he commanded were set to burning bridges, and they performed their duty as well as to seriously impede the progress of the Confederate troops. Young Burchfield was fifteen years old, but was in all the raids and retreats, and frequently found his home a cave that nobody had ever thought of filling with provisions. He had narrow escapes from death at various times and was captured more than once. He was saved from an impending death at one time by a comrade, who fired on his captors from an ambush. After burning the bridge at Union the burners found it necessary to "camouflage the ranch," and they lay in wait for days with Confederates hunting all around them. They had a collision with Ledbetter's command at Taylor's ford.

In 1863 Mr. Burchfield and his comrades who had not been killed in fights or hanged by the Confederates as spies were mustered into the Thirteenth Tennessee Cavalry. They led a lively existence from that time on, participating in many battles. One of his comrades killed Gen. John Morgan, the famous Confederate, at Greenville, Tenn., and Mr. Burchfield was close to the Williams house, where Morgan was stopping, when his death occurred. He was in Stover's famous raid through Virginia and the Carolinas. At one time he captured his own brother, who was a member of a Confederate regiment. Later, at Salisbury, N. C., he was pursuing a Confederate, and narrowly escaped death himself. He laid out his enemy, and afterward found that he had been dealing with his first cousin.

Mr. Burchfield was a witness to a touching incident of the close of the war. In marching from Andersonville across the mountains toward Washington the cavalrymen came up with two surrendered Confederates who were trading homesteads. The commander, a colonel, had been lingering with the wine and was not feeling well, so he ordered the men shot and detailed Dr. Cameron, a splendid Tennesseean, to pick a squad. Some of the men refused to go on the squad, Mr. Burchfield advised them, saying the war was over. But the orders were to shoot and the word was about to be given when one of the condemned men gave a sign. Dr. Cameron halted the squad and had a talk with the Confederates. He hunted the commander and got him to release the men, both of whom were Masons. After the war Dr. Cameron took a drove of horses to South Carolina along this route and stayed with the men whose lives he had saved, and as may well be surmised, they had a great time. This was at a little mountain settlement going by the classic name of Pumpkin-town and the men who were nearly shot there among the best of the community. The incident has often done duty at Masonic gatherings.

At one time Mr. Burchfield was caught by Zeb Vance's troops and was restored to liberty by a white man, a North Carolina after a thrilling discourse on the presence of children in the army. After the war Mr. Burchfield went to Illinois and from there to Kansas. He was taken in hand by Senator Plumb, who put him on the Capitol police force.

North Carolina politics came up for consideration at a late meeting of the Southern clerks who maintain an interest in the political affairs of their respective States. Their meetings are a little on the clandestine order. The Tar Heel member insisted that his State could get up more excitement and keep it up longer than any of the States, and he showed a bundle of newspaper clippings which were taken as evidence that a great deal had been going on down there and that the people were addicted to raising something besides cotton and tobacco.

"Tom Dixon's novel is pretty exciting, but it does not tell it all," said the Tar Heel. "We have had trouble and plenty of it since the upheaval of the early '90s, when the farmers broke loose from the regular Democracy, were organized as Populists and traded by their leaders to the Republicans. There were enough white Republicans in the State to make a respectable showing and the Populist recruits made a big addition. Then the negroes were brought out. The Democrats got swamped and were in a bad fix. Russell was governor and he played the dickens with the State generally. The Democratic politicians had to go to work."

In '98 the Democrats went in to win. They announced that it was a case of "Frederick's blooded tree claim or tree." The election had to be carried and an amendment put in to get the negro vote killed. There was a strenuous fight on the amendment in the mountains, where a large number of white people were likely to be disfranchised. Well, they carried it. At Wilmington there was a war, and trouble

CUBANS IN DEFENSE OF GENERAL WOOD

Charges Now Being Made Regarding Havana as Having Political Motives for Their Foundation.

HAVANA, June 18.—The attacks that are being made upon ex-Governor General Wood have served to provoke a general defense of his acts while in office here. The press often claimed that General Wood did not have a friend in Havana, but complete proof to the contrary was furnished during the last week of the American occupation, when numerous evidences of friendship for him were shown.

It is the general opinion here that the attacks are prompted by politics, and are not due to patriotic motives, especially as a number of those here who were most strongly opposed to General Wood were men of bad reputation and "soreheads." Nobody doubts that General Wood, if he had chosen to do so, could have left Cuba a rich man, yet in spite of this, his enemies are unable to prove that he ever misappropriated a cent.

It is also said that, while General Wood succeeded, some of his mistakes were the outcome of the general policy of the Administration, which policy, however, succeeded. It was often said that the military government, hampered by a false estimate of the situation, had a real value to revolutionists individually, and in some cases collectively, which caused so many Americans to leave Cuba in disgust.

CAPTAIN GALLAGHER PRAISES RELIEF WORK

Army Subsistence Officer Makes His Report.

Citizens of Martinique and St. Vincent Truly Grateful to America for Timely Aid.

The War Department has made public the following report from Capt. Hugh J. Gallagher, the officer of the army who had charge of the commissary supplies sent to Martinique on the United States steamer Dixie:

"In obedience to paragraph 18 of special orders 112, I proceeded on May 12 to New York city and on the 14th proceeded on board the United States steamer Dixie with \$5,000 in cash and the subsistence stores shown in invoice attached. The Dixie sailed about 9 o'clock p. m., May 14, and reached Martinique on the morning of May 21. In company with Captain Berry, of the Dixie, an official call was made by Captain Gallagher, during which tenders of assistance were made and gratefully accepted by the governor. One-half of the stores aboard the ship were put ashore at Martinique. On behalf of the Government I offered to employ a gang of laborers to handle the stores, with the object of hastening the unloading and to put money in the hands of the refugees who might need it. The offer was declined with thanks. The stores were placed in lighters by the sailors of the Dixie and Cincinnati, and then taken charge of by a French naval officer detailed for that purpose. Receipts for the stores were signed for by the governor, M. L'Heureux, who likewise sends a letter of thanks. On May 22 the Dixie proceeded to St. Vincent, and on the 23d an official call was made upon the governor and assistance offered as at Martinique and gratefully accepted. The remainder of the stores were unloaded here and receipts therefor given by the governor, Sir Robert Llewellyn.

Delay in Unloading. "There was some delay in unloading at St. Vincent, due to rain and a shortage of lighters. I offered, as at Martinique, to employ a gang of laborers, and the offer was accepted in a letter sent to the governor. I employed a gang of 118 men for two days. These men were refugees, and the money was very acceptable. "The total amount expended for labor, transportation and telegrams was \$527.29. "On May 29 the Dixie proceeded to St. Lucia to take on coal, and on the 30th to Fort de France, sailing therefrom on the 31st for home. She reached New York on the evening of June 6.

Praises Sailors' Work. "I wish to invite special attention to the willing and energetic manner in which the sailors aboard the Dixie labored in loading and unloading the stores on this expedition. They labored unceasingly when there was anything to do, without a murmur, and the rapidity with which the stores were handled was due to their energy and willingness. Their hearts seemed to be in their work, and encouraged by their splendid officers, nothing seemed to tire them.

Stores Well Selected. "The stores were well selected and met the needs of the people. By the destruction of St. Pierre, Martinique, the great storehouse and source of supplies of the island was lost; consequently many of the necessities of life were not available for the people, and nothing could have been more opportune than the arrival of the Dixie. The wants of the needy people were promptly and sufficiently relieved, and on all sides I heard that the officers appointed to carry out the will of the Government on this occasion, while performing their duty as ordered, could not help being filled with an extraordinary pride in the fact that they had been chosen to perform duty in connection with this completely successful and most humane expedition."

ILLINOIS DEMOCRATS MEET TO NOMINATE

Plank Constructed as Favoring Kansas City Platform Changed After a Long Debate.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., June 18.—The Democratic State convention which assembled here yesterday nominated the following ticket: Clerk of the supreme court, John L. Pickering, Springfield; State treasurer, George W. Duddleston, Chicago; superintendent of public instruction, Anson L. Bliss, Mt. Vernon; trustees of the State University of Illinois, Julia Holmes Smith, Chicago; J. E. White, Champaign; S. S. Maxwell, Monmouth.

John P. Hopkins, of Chicago, was re-elected chairman of the State central committee after a bitter contest with Mayor Carter H. Harrison, of Chicago. Hopkins and Harrison came together several times during the day, and once only the interference of friends prevented them from exchanging blows. Much discussion was caused by the report of the committee on resolutions, the principal objection being to the first plank, which reads:

"The Democrats of Illinois in State convention declare their adherence to the fundamental principles of the Democratic party as laid down in the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States, affirmed at our last national convention."

The opponents of free silver considered this plank a declaration in favor of the Kansas City platform, and after a debate lasting three hours it was amended to read:

"Repeatedly affirmed by past Democratic conventions."

The Phillips question also caused a lengthy debate.

A MURDEROUS ATTACK BY A PARTY OF TRAMPS

Aged Farmer and Wife Beaten by a Ruffian Gang.

READING, Pa., June 18.—Edward Wisawasser, an aged farmer, and his wife, living a short distance below the White House, near here, were visited by a gang of tramps Monday night and both were terribly beaten.

The tramps to the number of half a dozen made their appearance at the home of the old people in the morning. They spent the entire day drinking and carousing in a nearby field. When it started to rain they came to Mr. Wisawasser's home and asked permission to sleep in the barn. When this was refused they began assaulting Wisawasser and his wife with sticks and kicking him.

In the barn they secured fence rails and clubs and started to beat the horses and cattle. One of the calves was so badly injured that it is expected to die. Some of the cattle were found suffering with bruises and blood oozed from the wounds. A young son quickly saddled a horse, and getting away from the farm, escaped. He rode with all his might to Reading to the office of Magistrate Merkel. He declared that his parents were being killed, and half a dozen officers were sent to the scene. They found Mr. Wisawasser in the kitchen bleeding from numerous wounds about the head and body.

The tramps retreated to the barn, and here they were captured by the officers. A hard fight. They were brought to jail. Several escaped and were recaptured on the way. They gave their names as Thomas Riley and E. T. Clark, giving Reading as their home. E. T. Davis, of New York; Michael Hennessy, of Harrisburg; and Michael Dunn and George Taylor, both of Philadelphia. Both Mr. Wisawasser's eyes are closed, and his head, arms and shoulders are covered with cuts and bruises. His wife was not quite so roughly handled.

CHOSEN AS SENATORS.

Delegates to National Union Insurance Association Elected.

At an important meeting of the National Union Insurance Association, held at the Scottish Rite Hall yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Messrs. William H. Fisher, William Barnum, and J. E. Borden were chosen as the three delegates to represent the twenty-seven local councils of the order at the national meeting to be held at Niagara Falls, N. Y., on July 15. Mr. T. Brian, ex-president of the association, presided at the meeting.

Those present at the meeting were the delegates of the twenty-seven councils and the local jurisdiction, which has a membership of about 5,000. The national association contains 68,000 members.

At the conclusion of the meeting the members retired to the banquet hall, where a splendid repast had been spread.

RESTORED TO RANK.

President Issues Orders in Case of Lieutenant Mustin.

The President has restored to Lieut. Henry C. Mustin, of the navy, the numbers in his grade which he lost as the result of a court-martial in 1900.

During the uprising in China Lieut. Mustin was serving in the Asiatic station, and was court-martialed on the charge of being absent from his post without leave, and for sleeping while on watch duty. The court ordered that he lose ten numbers in his grade, but the reviewing officers reduced the sentence to five numbers.

The President now orders that the officer be restored to his regular place in the list of lieutenants.

The action is taken upon the recommendation of all the officers of the reviewing board, the commanding officers of the Asiatic station, and the superintendent of the Naval Academy where Lieut. Mustin is now serving.

LANDOWNER'S SON HELD FOR A RANSOM

CONSTANTINOPLE, June 18.—There has been a recrudescence of the activity by the Macedonian committee. At Kirk Kilisse, near Adrianople, agents of the committee have abducted the son of a rich landowner and are holding him for a high ransom. Many encounters between Macedonians and regulars are reported. At Castoria and Monastir four brigands have been captured and six killed.

Illinois at Southampton.

SOUTHAMPTON, June 18.—The United States battleship Illinois, with Rear Admiral Crowninshield aboard, arrived here yesterday. The ship will represent the United States in the coronation review.

DISBROW GIVES HIS VERSION OF TRAGEDY

Statement Prepared by a Friend of Missing Man.

NEW YORK, June 18.—Louis A. Disbrow's version of the Good Ground tragedy in which Miss "Dimple" Lawrence and Clarence Foster were drowned was given today. Young Disbrow himself has not yet reappeared, but it is said he will appear before Coroner Nugent, at Good Ground, today and tell his story.

TRIED TO DEFEND "DIMPLE"

Was in Love With Lawrence Girl and Fought Foster to Keep Her From Going on Midnight Boat Ride—Knocked Senseless and Found Himself Alone.

The statement given by his version of the tragedy was prepared by a friend, it is announced, and is made with the authority of Thomas A. Disbrow, the young man's father.

The statement reads that Disbrow was in love with Miss Lawrence and was attempting to defend her against Foster. It tells of the drive from Ylana, about the supper in the club, during which Disbrow urged the girl to go home. When Disbrow finally learned that the girl had consented to go boat riding with Foster he protested, and the two men quarreled. The statement continues:

"Louis told his brothers Foster knocked him senseless on the sand, and when he recovered he was alone. He looked about for Foster and Miss Lawrence, but as he could not see them he concluded they had either gone home or had eloped."

"He sat about on the shore of the bay for about an hour, cooling off and thinking about what had happened during the night and planning how he could escape punishment for the bad checks he had passed. He made up his mind to leave Good Ground the next morning. Having arrived at this determination he went to his room in the Ternell House and slept until called for breakfast. He left Good Ground the next day, believing Foster and Miss Lawrence had eloped."

Will Issue Warrant.

Coroner Nugent, it is reported from Good Ground, will issue a warrant for young Disbrow's arrest if he fails to appear at the inquiry today.

The Pinkerton detective who was sent to Good Ground on Monday last by the district attorney to investigate the different stories went to Quoque today to cross-examine young Carter, the boatman who said he found evidence of the struggle on the beach. He was also asked by the district attorney to run down another story which was taken to Good Ground last night by a couple of tramps. This latest story was told circumstantially enough, but the authority for it is missing, and for that reason the local authorities do not put much credence in it.

The Schwacke Story.

A man whose name is said to be Schwacke told the tramps that on the night of June 7 he rowed across the bay from the Good Ground side and slept in the well of one of the catboats that was anchored just below the Tunnel House. This man said he went to sleep shortly after midnight and covered himself up. Some time during the night he says he was awakened by noises on the bay and peering over the stern of the catboat he saw two boats on the water. A man and woman were in one boat and a man in the boat behind. The two boats came together with a crash, he said, and there were a few angry words spoken in a low voice. Then an oar was raised and there was a thud as if it had been brought down on the head of one of the men. According to the story he got frightened and crawled back into the well of the boat, not wishing to be a witness of the fight. When he looked out he saw only one boat with one man in it, and he was pulling for the shore as hard as he could.

The fact that the Schwacke story was not made public until this morning leads the district attorney to believe that there is no truth in it.

KING NOT PRESENT AT ASCOT MEETING

Royal Family and Fashionable People, However, Make a Notable Gathering at Races.

LONDON, June 18.—The second day of the Ascot race meeting attracted a considerable crowd of fashionable people as well as the usual throng of turfites. Five open landaus brought a party of the royal family from Windsor, but the King himself was not present.

The principal cause of the day was for the Royal Hunt Cup, a piece of plate valued at 500 sovereigns with 1,500 sovereigns in specie, added to a handicap sweepstakes of 20 sovereigns each, the distance being seven furlongs and 166 yards. The winner was Lord Carnarvon's The Solicitor, R. Forrest Tod's Cardenas and Col. H. McCalmont's St. Macdon being second and third, respectively.

Peculiar Cause of an Accident.

YORK, Pa., June 18.—While companions were playfully chasing him around a large tombstone in a cemetery at Wrightsville yesterday, the stone toppled and fell upon John Reisinger, Jr., a thirteen-year-old boy, breaking his leg in two places and otherwise injuring him.

Chronic Diarrhea.

This disease is generally regarded as incurable, mainly for the reason that the remedies usually employed are ineffectual. That it can be cured, however, has been fully proven in many cases. The following tells of one of them: Mr. T. W. Greathouse, of Prattburg, Ga., says: "I had been suffering from chronic diarrhea for seven years. Last year I began taking Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, and it cured me. I had spent a lot of money for doctors' medicine in the run of the seven years. If it had not been for this remedy I would have been dead, and I feel that I can never say too much in its favor. I recommend it too highly." Sold by Henry Evans, wholesale and retail, and all druggists.

TEMPORARY QUARTERS FOR ARMY WAR COLLEGE

Secretary Root Engages Rooms in Anticipation of an Appropriation by Congress for Institution.

The War Department is making elaborate preparations for the establishment of the Army War College in this city and already the Secretary of War, in anticipation of a large appropriation by Congress for the institution, has engaged temporary quarters for the college in the Townsend building, No. 20 Jackson Place.

The Army War College is to be located at the 100 ft. four-and-a-half street, on the reservation partly occupied by the Engineer School of Application and the Engineer Battalion stationed in this city. The establishment of the college has long been one of the Secretary Root's pet projects for the betterment of the army, and it is confidently expected that Congress, this session, will make a liberal appropriation for the institution.

Major General Young has been assigned to duty as president of the Army War College and Col. William H. Carter, of the Adjutant General's Department, recently nominated brigadier general in the line, has been placed in charge of the executive office of the college.

PLAN TO PROVIDE MORE POLICEMEN

Scheme G. A. R. Committee Will Set on Foot.

Better Protection for Visitors to Encampment, It Is Thought, Would Result.

Within the next few days a proposition will be laid before Major Sylvester, which, if carried out, will add much to the effectiveness of the police protection of the city during the encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic in this city next October and probably for all future gatherings in this city.

Heretofore it has been the practice on occasions when an unusual crowd of people were in the city, as at inaugurations and on other similar occasions, to employ several hundred additional policemen selected from among the city's unemployed, who, at best, with no uniforms and the barest equipments, present an appearance that is not imposing. Furthermore these specials are entirely lacking in police training and frequently are a burden to the officers with whom they are detailed to do duty.

The matter has been under consideration for some time by certain members of the citizens' committee and it is their purpose to bring it to the attention of Major Sylvester within the next few days. Whether it will be possible of accomplishment it remains for him to say, but it is believed that as president of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, there is no one in a better position to inaugurate this departure in methods than he.

At the meeting of the subcommittee on entertainment yesterday afternoon the work outlined at the former meeting was considered in more detail and a report was decided upon which will be submitted to the full committee at the next meeting.

Struck by a Train.

STAPLETON, S. I. N. Y., June 18.—While attempting to cross the tracks of the Staten Island Rapid Transit Railroad in Port Richmond this morning William Clure, thirty-one years old, of West Brighton, was hit by a passenger train and received injuries which will probably cause his death.

LOCAL MENTION.

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STEP TAKEN TOWARD BRITISH SHIP COMBINE

Directors of the Royal Mail Company Send Out Circular to the Concern's Stockholders.

LONDON, June 18.—The directors of the Royal Mail Steamship Company issued a circular to the shareholders yesterday, stating that preliminary negotiations have been begun by which the company's operations will be greatly developed by its inclusion in a large scheme in association with other British lines.

The details are still confidential, but they will be disclosed to the shareholders for approval before anything definite is decided.

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